

Creatures of Habitat

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Lessons in carpentry became the prime mission for several soldiers and family members who traded a Saturday for an experience of a lifetime.

These volunteers from HHC, 95th Division (Institutional Training) shared time building a home for one fortunate family through Habitat for Humanity.

“Every year I volunteer for a project or service,” said Capt. Theresa Bunn, HHC 95th Div. (IT), project coordinator.

“I chose to work with Habitat For Humanity after learning about their program while at work with the Oklahoma City Police Department. Several soldiers were interested in participating as well and we were able to provide valuable support to this program,” explained Bunn.

The day began with demonstrations on building walls with doorways and window frames. The Habitat For Humanity professional crews proved to be excellent instructors as volunteers were quickly set loose on their endeavor.

Although some had used a hammer before, others were very new to it. But all in all, working together, everyone learned the skills necessary to frame a house that would become a finished home in only three months.



Pictured front row left to right: Jimmy Bunn, David Rollow, Capt. Theresa Bunn, Chief Warrant Officer Marilyn Anderson, 1st Lt. Jennifer Cotten, Sgt. Maj. Lloyd Woodland; back row: Amber Herem, Capt. Sherri Rollow, Maj. Brad Genet, Whitney Cotten, Master Sgt. Judy Hindman, Col. Les Moffett, Maj. June Lantz, Al Slowinski, Lt. Col. John Bilbury.

Habitat For Humanity has helped over 260 disadvantaged families become homeowners since 1988. The organization buys materials for the homes with donated funds, loan payments from zero interest loans, and proceeds from their thrift store of donated items. Volunteers provide free labor while only staff members receive payment from the thrift store proceeds. This organization uses only donated money for the building of homes.

Volunteers walked away filled with pride at the end of the day, their efforts evident in the hard work provided for someone they didn't even know.

Upon completion of their new home, Bunn will present them with a plaque and hand-made quilt representing the special volunteers who took this family in their hearts and who worked to create wonderful changes in someone's life.



Capt. Theresa Bunn and her husband, Jimmy, hammer the last few nails for a completed interior wall.



Up goes the first wall of a new Habitat For Humanity home! The prospective homeowner is required to provide 300 "sweat equity" hours toward building their home.



Having fun and doing good deeds were the orders of the day.



Capt. Bunn finishes framing an interior wall.